

A M E N D M E N T S t o t h e C L A I M S

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method comprising:
receiving an indication of a second telephone that is authorized to monitor a first telephone;
receiving a request from the second telephone to monitor the first telephone;
receiving a status, from the first telephone, which indicates whether the first telephone is using a text messaging feature of the first telephone; and
sending the status to the second telephone.
2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
storing a first identifier that identifies the first telephone and a second identifier that identifies the second telephone; and
sending the first identifier to the second telephone.
3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
verifying good standing of a customer account of the second telephone.
4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a request to register the second telephone, wherein the request includes a digital signature and a second identifier that identifies the second telephone;
registering the second telephone; and
registering the first telephone.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the receiving step further includes the steps of:

receiving a request for a second network address and a security clearance from the second telephone.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of registering the first telephone further includes the steps of:

issuing the first telephone a first network address; and
storing the second network address and the corresponding first identifier.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 4, wherein the step of registering the second telephone further includes the steps of:

verifying the digital signature;
issuing the second telephone a second network address; and
storing the second network address and the corresponding second identifier.

8. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sending the first identifier to the second telephone for storage and display.

9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving a request includes

receiving a request to notify the second telephone when a status change of a predetermined condition of the first telephone occurs.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

storing the status change of the predetermined condition ~~with the corresponding first identifier and the corresponding second identifier.~~

11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining if the second telephone is authorized to receive the status of the first telephone.

12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
encrypting the status with a public key before sending the status to the second telephone.

13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
recording transmission of the status to the second telephone's customer account.

14. (CANCELED)

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicates whether a user of the first telephone has entered at least one predetermined DTMF code into the telephone.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving an acknowledgment from the second telephone of a successful transmission of the status.

17. (ORIGINAL) A computer programmed to perform the method of claim 1.

18. (ORIGINAL) A computer-readable storage medium encoded with instructions for directing a processor to perform the method of claim 1.

19. (NEW) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving a signal from the first telephone;
determining a GPS location of the first telephone based on the received signal; and
establishing that while the first telephone is at the determined GPS location, calls to the first telephone from the second telephone are to be blocked.

20. (NEW) A method comprising:

- receiving an indication of a second telephone that is authorized to monitor a first telephone;
- receiving a request from the second telephone to monitor the first telephone;
- receiving a first signal from the first telephone;
- determining a first location of the first telephone based on the first signal;
- receiving a second signal from a user of the first telephone, the second signal indicating that the first location is a blocked location;
- in response to the second signal, establishing that while the first telephone is at the first location, calls to the first telephone from the second telephone are to be blocked;
- determining that the first telephone has moved from the first location; and
- in response to determining that the first telephone has moved from the first location,
- automatically transmitting to the second telephone a status indicating that the first telephone is available to receive calls.

21. (NEW) A method comprising:

- receiving a signal from a user of a cellular telephone, the signal indicating that a first location is a blocked location;
- based on the signal, establishing that calls to the cellular telephone are to be blocked while the cellular telephone is in the first location;
- determining that the cellular telephone is at a second location;
- transmitting to at least one telephone an indication that the cellular telephone is available to receive calls;
- determining that the cellular telephone is at the first location;
- receiving an incoming call to the cellular telephone while the cellular telephone is at the first location; and
- preventing the incoming call from connecting to the cellular telephone based on the first location.

22. (NEW) A method comprising:
receiving a signal from a wireless telephone;
determining a GPS location of the wireless telephone based on the received signal; and
based on the determined GPS location, determining whether to block at least one call to the wireless telephone while the wireless telephone is at the determined GPS location.

23. (NEW) The method of claim 22, further comprising:
transmitting to a second telephone an indication that a call to the wireless telephone while the cellular telephone is at the determined GPS location will not be connected.

24. (NEW) A method comprising:

receiving a signal from a user of a cellular telephone while the user is at a first location,

the signal indicating a preference of the user to have the cellular telephone be unavailable for receiving calls while the cellular telephone is at the first location;

establishing, based on the preference of the user, that the cellular telephone is to be unavailable for receiving calls while the cellular telephone is at the first location;

determining that the cellular telephone has moved from the first location;

and

in response to determining that the cellular telephone has moved from the first location,

automatically transmitting to at least one telephone an indication that the cellular telephone is available to receive calls.

25. (NEW) The method of claim 24, further comprising:

receiving an incoming call to the cellular telephone;

receiving a second signal from the cellular telephone;

determining a current location of the cellular telephone based on the second signal; and

blocking the incoming call to the cellular telephone if the current location is the first location.